SUBJECT No. 167.

Permission for the removal of green timber from District Forests.

Mr. Baji Rao Sindhe, Kankanhalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Prays for the grant of licenses for the removal of green timber from the District forests. This is being prohibited for the last one year by the Forest Department which insists upon the removal of dry timber only.

Reply of Government.—A petition may be presented in one or two individual cases of the kind complained of when enquiry will be made.

SUBJECT No. 168.

Removal of timber from coffee estates or hiduvali lands.

Mr. Ranganna, Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Under the existing rules, timber intended for removal from coffee estates or private holdings is marked by the Forest Department and then *mafi* license has to be obtained. By this procedure delay and needless inconvenience is caused chiefly arising from the fact that timber cutters and sawyers come at stated times, generally in September, and it takes till January to cut timber. Pray that orders may be issued to remove such timber without being marked for *bona fide* private purposes.

Reply of Government.—The existing practice cannot be altered (*vide* Subject No. 165.)

SUBJECT No. 169.

Reduction of seigniorage on honge leaves.

Mr. Adevappa, Chitaldrug Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—At present a rate of Rs. 1-12-0 is charged for 100 honge trees to remove leaves therefrom for purposes of manure. This rate is heavy and may be reduced to Re. 1.

Reply of Government.—No change in the existing rules is called for.

SUBJECT No. 170.

Reduction of seigniorage on bamboo thorns.

Messrs. Srinivasa Dikshit, Shikarpur Taluk, and Guruliugappa, Honnali Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The bamboo thorns are useful only for hedging sugarcane fields. The material does not last for more than a year and the ryots are obliged to buy it afresh every year. It is therefore prayed that the present high rate of 8 annas charged on it may be reduced to 4 annas.

Reply of Government.—Will be inquired into.

SUBJECT No. 171.

Exemption of certain jungle trees from classification.

Mr. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The classification of trees ordered in G. P. No. 628-9—6760-7, dated 4th May 1903, was tentative for a period of three years; but it has since been ordered that the same classification should continue. The trees excluded from the reserve list are not useful for agricultural purposes. A reclassification may be made to place at the disposal of the ryots, Banni, Kagli, Bilijala, Gobli, Tadasala, Sogade, Gumchi and Dindiga.

Reply of Government.—The subject is under consideration.